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LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ABORTIVE COUP ARTICLE ELIMA

REF: KINSHASA 5244

1. IT BEATS ME WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE BUT OBVIOUSLY
I DON'T LIKE IT. WORST INTERPRETATION WOULD BE THAT
PRESIDENT HAS DEFINITELY CONCLUDED US IS OUT TO GET HIM AND
THAT WE CAN EXPECT NOTHING BUT ROUGH WEATHER. LAST MINUTE
AIRPORT CANCELLATION OF VISIT TO US BY FOUR JOURNALISTS WOULD
BE COMPATIBLE WITH THIS (KINSHASA 5239). MOST FAVORABLE
INTERPRETATION WOULD BE THAT SINCE EVERYONE IN TOWN HAS
HEARD RUMORS AND CHARGES AGAINST US FOR MOST OF PAST WEEK,
MOBUTU DECIDED THAT PUBLICATION THESE REMORS WAS BEST WAY
TO BEGIN DISSIPATE THEM. IT IS HARD TO CREDIT THIS ALTHOUGH
FACT THAT ELIMA EXPLICITLY TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR EDITORIAL MAY INDICATE GOZ HAS LEFT ITSELF WAY OUT.

2. I AM SEEKING URGENTLY MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN
MINISTER BUT SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN RUN AROUND AT FOREIGN
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OFFICE.

3. WE ARE CONSIDERING, BUT AS OF NOW DO NOT THINK
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE, ISSUANCE OF PRESS DENIAL.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD
SEEK MEETING WITH MOBUTU. I TEND TO THINK THAT DESIRABLE AT
THIS POINT BUT OF COURSE I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD
SEE ME.

5. I RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR MBEKA BE CALLED IN IMMEDIATELY
TO BE GIVEN DENIAL OF ANY US INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED COUP,
TO PROTEST PUBLICATION OF SUCH RUMORS AND TO URGE IN STRONGEST
TERMS THAT ZAIRE BE ALERT TO DANGER PERSON OR PPERSONS
UNKNOWN ARE ENDEAVORING CREATE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN ZAIRE AND US.

6. FINALLY, WE HAVE HINT THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY
MAY BE IN WIND. I HAVE INSTRUCTED RSO AND STAFF TO CARRY ON
ACTIVITIES EXACTLY AS USUAL BUT TO BE ON ALERT.

6. I PLAN CARRY ON SCHEDULED INSPECTION US PAVILLION AT
FIKIN THIS MORNING.
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